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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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"Men Ought Always To Pray" --- Luke 18:1

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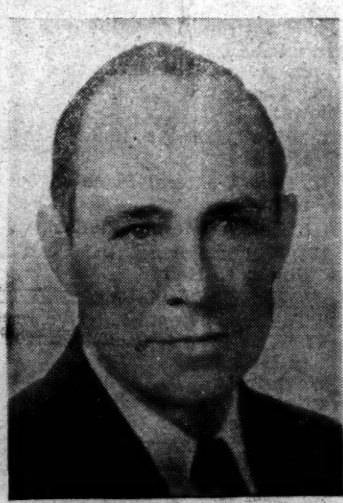
This is a great day for me today. I discovered America in Arkansas fifty-two years ago today, so this is a memorable day for me, my birthday. I have had a good time all day today. I have been in religious services almost all day long.

Shall we think together for just a little while on this Scripture found in the 18th chapter of Luke? We read the first eight verses:

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
"Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:
"And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.
"And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;
"Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.
"And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.
"And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?
"I tell you that he will avenge them speedily."

The text that we are going to use out of that is one clause, the first verse 'Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.'

For a long time in my Christian life I thought of prayer only as a privilege. And I think so many of us think of prayer in that light and that alone, and a privilege just to be exercised when we choose or to be left when we choose. And most of us exercise the privilege only when we need something and want to ask God for something. And the rest of the time, when everything is going along nicely and smoothly and the sun is shining, we are happy, the family is all well, and all of our physical needs are supplied, we rather have a tendency to push prayer off in the background and forget. Now prayer is one of the greatest privileges, yes, the greatest privilege, that ever has been accorded to God's people but, if you notice the wording of my text, you will find that prayer is more than just a privilege. Jesus said, "Men ought to pray," and with the word *ought* there is a sense of obligation. There is an obligation about this business of prayer. Now why do I say there is an obligation resting upon the people of God in the matter of prayer? Because, if you read your Bibles you will find that it is in the plan of God that the forces of righteousness prevail in the battle against the world, the flesh and the devil, against sin and the hosts of wickedness, that we prevail when we pray that we have power as we pray, that the work of the kingdom progresses as we pray, that our churches prosper as we pray, that the gospel reaches souls on the wings of prayer, that the Holy Spirit endues the preacher of God and the people of God as the people of God pray. Souls are saved when God's people pray. Oh, may we never forget that the Lord has said, "When Zion travailed, sons and daughters were born." It is a part of God's plan, and when God's people fail to pray, men's souls go to Hell, the work of God languishes, the power is removed from us, we become stale and we are formal and cold, care-



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less, indifferent and worldly when we fail to pray.

Now, if God has made it a part of His plan and if souls are saved when God's people travail in prayer, and if the power of the Holy Spirit comes only as God's people pray, and if the work of the kingdom of God prospers and the forces of God prevail only as God's people pray, can't you see that one of the greatest sins of which God's people are guilty is the sin prayerlessness. Oh, hear me tonight! We are in the terrible plight we are in today in the world because God's people have quit praying. We have gotten so busy about this, that and the other, we become so absorbed in the affairs of life, in the rush, in the hurry, in the headlong rush of the world after things that we haven't had time to pray. I believe with all of my heart that the thing that is upon us today is the result of the sin, primarily the sin of prayerlessness on the part of God's people.

You remember when Israel sinned they came to Samuel and said, "Pray for us for we have sinned against God," and the answer of that old man of God was, "God forbid that I should ever sin" (Continued on page two)

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BY EVANGELIST CHAS. E. FULLER

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With your Bibles open to the fifth chapter of Luke, I am going to read those first eleven verses.

"And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Galilee (it has different names in the Scripture), and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: and so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon,



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Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all and followed him."

God's Word Gets Crowds If Preached in Power

Now truly one never ceases to wonder how much heart-gripping drama can be tucked away in so few verses as I read you in Luke 5: 1-11. First of all, just in passing, "It came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him" — what did (Continued on page three)

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Many Being Saved Through "Sword of the Lord" Literature, Daily Reports Show; Nation-Wide Demand for Bibles Reported in Chicago Daily News; Abundant Evidence We Can Have Great Revival If We Pay God's Price; Remarkable Letters.

BY EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

"But when He saw the multitude, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

"Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." — Matthew 9:36-38.

Last week the editor published an article in *The Sword of the Lord* saying that the idea that we could not now have great mass revivals was a vicious lie, manufactured by Satan and spread by atheists, modernists and many fundamentalists. There we refuted that lie, and showed that we can have revivals, that some people are seeing blessed revivals with hundreds saved.

In the last nine days we have had reports from eleven people who say they were saved through our literature put out from *The Sword of the Lord* office and written by the editor. From many sources comes additional evidence that we can have great revivals if we want them with all our hearts, and if we go after sinners in the way commanded in the Bible, filled with the Spirit, moved with compassion, going in expectant faith.

In the Chicago Daily News for November 18 is a front page article telling of the remarkable demand for Bibles. That only bears out the truth that in spite of widespread and terrible sin and unbelief, there is a great hunger for God, and that if preachers and Christians who claim to believe the Bible and want to see souls saved will really do their part, America will again and soon see great spreading revivals with thousands, even millions saved!

Many Letters from Those Saved Through Our Literature Show Widespread Hunger for God

A few months ago we found that we had 180 letters or signed decisions from people who said they were saved after reading our literature in 18 months, an average of 10 (Continued on page four)

"MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY"

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against God in ceasing to pray for you." In other words, if the time ever came when I failed to pray for you, I would be sinning against God. I say to you tonight, when God's people forget to pray, or get too busy to pray, we are sinning against God, we are sinning against the church, we are sinning against a lost world. Oh, may God forgive us for the sin of prayerlessness. When you fail to pray you lose your passion for souls as well as losing your power, and the awfulness of Hell fades out. I tell you, when a child of God lives on his knees, Hell becomes a reality, the condition of lost souls becomes real, the passion for souls will burn in his heart and the fire of God will burn on the altar. And the wheels of Zion move when God's people pray. Oh, may God forgive us for our sin of prayerlessness while a world is going to Hell, while the foundations are crumbling from under us, while we are standing on the very verge of losing everything that is dear to our hearts and for which our forefathers have bled and died. And still we get too busy to pray! If there was ever a time in the history of God's people when we ought to be on our faces before God, crying to God like Israel did in Egypt until a mighty cry would go up to Heaven and God would say, "I have heard their cry, and I am going to deliver them." If there was ever a time when God's people ought to pray like that, and besiege the throne of Grace day and night — friend, we are living in that day. We ought to pray.

We Ought to Pray for the Unsaved

We ought to pray for unsaved people a lot more than we do. I have heard Christian people and I have even heard preachers say that they didn't believe in praying for unsaved people. I grant you that when a person is saved, he himself must make that final decision and if he hardens his heart and stiffens his neck, all the praying in the world can't save him. All the heart breaks of a mother can't save a boy from Hell if he stiffens his neck and hardens his heart and determines to go to Hell, but I'll tell you, praying on the part of God's people can bring the power of God to convict a soul, can bring the Holy Spirit upon a lost soul can move the feet of a lost man toward the house of God and can work wonders in the salvation of a soul.

Here is another aspect of this that maybe you hadn't thought about. Did you know that the Christian people of this world are the only intercessors that God has appointed to stand between a lost world and Hell and plead for their souls. You and I, Christian people, saved and washed in the blood of Christ, have the Holy Spirit within us here on earth, "making intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered." We have the risen, glorified, ascended Redeemer at the right hand of God, making intercession for us. Have you ever thought what would happen if the Holy Spirit in your heart ceased His intercession for you? Have you ever thought what is going to happen to a lost world when God's appointed intercessors forget to pray for them, and nobody else to stand in the breach, and nobody else to stand between the living and the dead to intercede for a poor, lost, dying Hell-bound world? I tell you, that is the reason the world is going plunging into Hell like it is now, that is the reason sin has come in like a flood, that is the reason iniquity has abounded, that is the reason churches have grown cold and worldly. God's

people have been too busy about other things and we have forgotten to pray. Oh, how we ought to pray for unsaved souls. I'll tell you, it makes a mighty difference in the salvation of souls when God's people pray.

I am thinking now of an old mother that I knew personally. She had a boy nineteen years old and he had gone away from home when he was sixteen. She hadn't heard a word from him in three long years. A revival meeting was going on in that little country church. One evening after the service was over and she and her husband and the rest of the family drove home in a twohorse wagon, like the country people used to go to church; they got back to the gate that opened in to the lot and the mother got out and opened the gate and as the father drove the wagon through, she said, "Daddy, go on and put the team up. I don't know when I'll be in. I'm going to pray tonight for our boy that is out yonder somewhere in the world and on the road to Hell." That mother slipped aside, out there, through the orchard, under one of the fruit trees, there to be alone with God. On and on that mother tarried there on her knees before God and prayed. The next morning she came in and got breakfast for the family and she said, "Daddy, I can't go to church today. I can't do anything today but pray because our boy is out yonder somewhere, and he's lost and we haven't heard from him in three years. Daddy, we don't know what is taking place in his life. I'm going to pray today." And all day long that day she prayed. That boy told me the experience himself. He said, "I was way down in Southwest Texas on a cattle ranch below San Antonio. I was going to Hell just about as fast as a boy ever went at nineteen years of age. Late that afternoon I was riding that cow pony in a long lope over those hills on that cattle ranch, going in for the evening to the ranch house." And he said, "Suddenly something grabbed hold of my heart. I didn't understand what it was. I didn't know what was happening but I reined that pony up, and I jumped off of him, down on the ground I went and on my knees by the side of that cow pony and I said, 'Lord, have mercy on me. Let me go back home.'" He said, "I hardly realized what I was saying but when I got on that pony and rode up to the corral and saw the boss, I said, 'I am going home tonight.'" He said, "What are you going to do?" The boy said, "I'm going home." He said, "What happened?" The boy said, "I don't know, but I want to go home and I've got to go." The boss gave him his pay and he boarded the midnight train and the next morning, after this mother had prayed all night one night and all day the next day, and away into the night the second night, the next morning he said just about sum-up he walked up to the front yard gate. When the old mother saw him and she began to shout the praises of God. And he said that very day he went with her to the revival meeting and was gloriously saved.

Oh, I tell you, my friend, a mother can pray her boy from the far country. She can pray him to the foot of the cross. We will never know until we get to Heaven how many are there because somebody just wouldn't give up and kept on praying! Oh, God, how we ought to pray for unsaved people!

It makes a mighty big difference with an unsaved person if he knows somebody is praying for him. He may be as hard as nails, he may be unkind to you, but deep down in his heart if he knows you are praying for him, it touches the cords that nothing else in this world will ever touch.

When I was pastor at Childress, Texas, God put a young man and his wife on my heart. They had a fine 3-year-old boy. Both of them were unsaved. I went in their home

and I began to talk and pray with them and finally I won the wife to the Lord but this young man was an awful sinner, a gambler and a drunkard. He told his wife, "If you are baptized tonight, when you come home I will not be here." She said, "Brother Hankins, what shall I do? I said, God says, 'If you love father, mother, husband or wife more than me, you are not worthy of me.'" I said, "Do you love the Lord?" She said, "Yes, I do." I said, "Then there is but one path, follow it. Follow it and we will trust the Lord for the rest of it." She came that night and was baptized and when she went home, she found sure enough, her husband was gone. He was gone for three weeks that she never heard from him. I said to her, "Just hold on to the Lord. Just stay with the Lord, that is all." He came back. He was working in a filling station and I went by that filling station again and again after he came back, and talked with him. He got to where he was very kind to me and seemed glad that I came by. After a while I got him coming to the services at the church. One day I became so anxious for his salvation that during the invitation I walked down off the pulpit platform and back to him. He resented it. I saw that I had to follow some other course. So I took this course: I asked God for wisdom, and you know we ought to do that in dealing with the unsaved. "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth liberally to all men and upbraideth not." (Jas. 1:5). He will give us wisdom. I asked for wisdom in dealing with that case. So God showed me this. Every time he came in to the services and came out at the door, I would be standing at the door, shaking hands with the people as they went out. I would take him by the hand and say, "I'm praying for you, boy," and every time I said that, he would grip my hand right tight and say, "Thank you, preacher." That went on for several weeks. One Sunday morning he came out at the door and I took him by the hand and I said, "I'm still praying for you, boy, and I'm going to be praying for you until you are either saved or gone to Hell, one of the two. I'm not going to give you up." He took me by the hand, folded his hand and squeezed my hand real tight and great big tears came trickling down his cheeks as he said, "God bless you, preacher, keep it up. The Lord knows I need it, and you'll never know what it means to an old sinner to know that somebody is praying for him."

The next Sunday morning when he came into that service and I brought my message and gave the invitation, he was the first one down the aisle. I was so happy I jumped off the platform and ran down to meet him! Down yonder about half way down the aisle we met and he threw both arms around me, put his head over on my shoulder and wept for joy. As we walked down to the altar of the church together he whispered in my ear and said, "Brother Hankins, would you mind if I say something when we get down to the front?" I said, "No." We got down there and he took me bodily and turned me around and stood there beside me, with his arm around me and said, "Folks, listen, I'm a saved man this morning because this preacher and my wife just wouldn't quit praying for me." And then he said this that stuck in my heart and made me think what it means more than ever in my life — he said, "You people, if you knew, if you could know what it means to a poor lost sinner to know that somebody just won't quit praying for him, you would pray more for unsaved people." Oh, how we ought to pray for lost souls.

And Then We Ought to Pray For Ourselves

Oh, how we ought to get on our knees before God, at the throne of grace, in behalf of our own lives. For when we are saved, we are in the world that hates a Christian. We are up against the devil in all of his subtlety and the devil is going to do his utmost to paralyze us in our Christian lives, to close our mouth of testimony and do everything he can to make us useless in the kingdom of God. He knows by now that when we are saved he will never get one of us as his own any more, but he has gone a long way to accomplish his purpose when he can shut your mouth,

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cause you to pass them by on the other side with no testimony from your lips, no witnessing to a lost world for Christ. More than that, if he can make you a compromising, worldly Christian who prides yourself in calling yourself broad, if the devil can lead you into compromise about the truth of God and close your lips of testimony, and make you a stumblingblock over which sinners stumble into Hell he will get many other souls into hell thereby. Practically every lost soul in the city of Chicago is stumbling over somebody into Hell tonight. Oh, what a tragedy and how we ought to pray God would keep us true, that God would keep our feet in the straight and narrow, lest we become a stumblingblock. The Lord Jesus said it would be better for you to be cast into the sea rather than become a stumblingblock.

I have heard people say, "I would love to be a Christian, but I couldn't live it in the place where I work." Let me tell you something, friend, if you pray, you can live it anywhere! But put you in the Garden of Eden and quit praying and the devil will get you. Daniel was taken away from home as a seventeen year old lad, taken into captivity a thousand miles or more away from home, and put in the most wicked court on the face of the earth, Babylon, sub-

jected to every temptation and every scorn and ridicule that could be heaped upon him, but he lived there for God. When he was about eighty-five years old, his bitterest enemy could find nothing of which to accuse him but his religion. How did he do it? Three times a day, on his knees, with his windows opened toward Jerusalem, he prayed to his God. I want to tell you now, when we have a prayer

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life like that, there will be victory in our lives wherever we are and whatever the surroundings and we will have a testimony that will turn sinners to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We Ought to Pray for Our Homes

How we ought to pray for our homes in a day like this. The devil is doing everything he can to destroy the American home. And when he does, he has destroyed the bulwark of Christianity, he has destroyed the bulwark of American liberty and American civilization. He has already practically destroyed the Lord's day, turning it into a fun-day and into a commercial day. The three great institutions upon which American liberty, religion and civilization were founded are the church, the Lord's day and the old-fashioned Christian home. If the devil can destroy those three, then he has destroyed the foundation and God said, "If the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

I say he has practically destroyed the Lord's day. Even a lot of God's people don't think there is any harm going to the picture show and to the places of amusement on the Lord's day. Even many who name the name of the Lord think if they go to church on Sunday morning, then they are free to go anywhere the rest of the day — shoreline, picnic, swimming party, picture show, amusements, baseball and everything else on the Lord's day. How I thank God that I was reared in an old fashioned Christian home, that we were taught the sacredness of the Lord's Day. When the Lord's day came, there was very little cooking at our house. There was no unnecessary work done. We all went together to the Lord's house, to an old country church. A country church it was but it was the Lord's house. It was the Lord's day. And when the children, in the afternoon were out in the yard playing and got boisterous, as children will, and making an unnecessary noise, I can see that precious little old mother today come out on the porch, clap her hands together and say, "Children, children, don't be so noisy. This is the Lord's day." I want to tell you, that did something to me that I will never get away from as long as I live.

Oh, how we ought to pray for our homes, that the devil may not destroy the family altar. He has taken nearly all of them out of our homes. We don't have time for the family altar. Oh, I tell you, when the devil got us too busy to have the family altar, he went a long way toward destroying Christianity. The spirituality of your church or any other church cannot rise any higher than the spirituality of your homes. We pray for a spiritual church. We pray for the power of the Spirit upon our churches, but it must start in the homes. There is where we live six days of the week.

I was reared around an old fashioned family altar. We never got too busy — we were on a poor country farm, we all worked, every one of us, mother and dad and all the children went to the field together to work — but we never worked too hard nor too late and never were too tired but when the chores were done and the evening meal was through and we were ready for bed, Daddy would get

the family Bible down and lay it on mother's lap and we would read the word of God together, get on our knees together and pray, and beginning at the oldest, my sister, and I was next, and on down — we knelt around mother's lap. She put her hands on our head and she would call our names to God and she would talk to God about every one of us, and the desires of her heart as she sat in her chair by the fireside. I tell you many a time since that day when the devil has had me in a close place, those experiences around a family altar kept me true and I can just feel those old hands resting on my head.

I was a college boy, away from home the first time, played on the college football team, and the season was over and my last game was played and we won the game. I was graduating that year. I was twenty-two years old. My life was as pure as my mother's. You know, I thank God that I had a mother and a father that taught their boys to live a life that was as clean as their sister's life, and a father that set the example before his boys, who taught us if we sowed our wild oats we would have to reap them. I came to that time, twenty-two years old, graduating from college, just as pure as my mother. But I tell you what happened. When I had started off to college, when dad hitched up the horse to the buggy and put my trunk in the back end, mother followed me to the gate of that old farm home and I noticed that she had her hands behind her like this, as she came out to the front gate and stood there, the last to tell me goodbye. She wanted a private word with her oldest boy. She said, "Son, you are going away from home now. You are going to have to stand on your own now, son. You are going to have to make your own decisions now. You are going to meet temptations you never met before." Then she brought her hands from behind her and she had a little new Bible and she handed it to me and said, "Son, this is a lamp to your feet and a light for your pathway. Promise mother that you will read it every day of your life, will you son, and that you will talk to God some time during the day and ask Him to help you, to strengthen you, to guide you?" I said, "I will, mother," and I started to turn, daddy was waiting — I started to turn to go on out to get in the buggy with dad but mother said, "Wait a minute son." She said, "You know our family altar hour in our little home is 9:00 o'clock and it always has been." She said, "I want you to know, son, that as long as you and I live, when 9:00 o'clock comes, mother will be on her knees praying for you. Mother will be on her knees praying for you."

Later, when this hour came, that I mentioned my greatest temptation came when the last game of football that I ever played was over. We won the game. That night we were in Little Rock, Arkansas. The coach said, "Boys, you have been a great team. I'm going to turn you loose tonight, go wherever you want to and have a good time." In the room of a hotel that night the boys began to plan. They were planning to go down to the red light district. I had never been in a place like that, and I said, "Boys, I can't go." Then they began to crook their fingers at me and call me sissy and tied to mama's apron strings, like boys will do. Finally I said, "All right, I'll go." They got some liquor and started out. Walking down the street toward that place, every step I took my feet were just like hunks of lead. They grew heavier and heavier every step I took and my heart was just about to break and I was about to die. I didn't want to be called a sissy and I did not want the crowd to make fun of me and I went tagging along, but while we were going along an old clock in the court house began to

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they press to hear? Not some social gospel, not the unfolding of some philosophical truth or some moral teaching. But they "pressed upon him to hear the word of God." Now, thank God, the preaching of the Word of God — that Word which is life-giving, powerful, quickening, is still the greatest audience-puller today. People's hearts are hungry to hear not man's thoughts, not book reviews, not to witness so-called "church plays" God forbid that any church should turn itself into a theater and try to compete with the world. People's hearts are yearning, longing for the Word of God. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." We are commanded to preach the Word, not to go out and preach a social gospel. And God have mercy on the preacher's soul who preaches every thing and anything save the true, unadulterated, eternal Word of God.

The Scientific Marvels of Creation Came at Christ's Word

Now verses 4 and 5: "Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have

strike and I counted, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine! It was about family altar time at our home! I saw that little mother, I saw that family altar. I felt those hands upon my head. I heard her pray. "God bless Joe. Keep him clean, Make him a good boy." I said, "Listen, fellows, you can call me whatever you please but I'm not going with you!" And turned around and went back to the hotel room. At twenty-five years of age, when I came to the marriage altar I brought the same in morals and character that my precious sweet wife brought to me. Yes, I had something I couldn't get away from. Oh, how my heart goes out to boys and girls today that have a thousand temptations where I had one and they don't have the background I had. Mothers and fathers have gotten too busy after the things of the world, and in the rush and in the hurry have broken down the family altar.

We Ought to Pray Today for the Church

Oh, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ! Look back yonder in early days when the mighty power of God came. Look at her as she prays prison doors open. Look at her when persecution starts and she goes down on her face and prays until the very place is shaken where they are assembled and they are all filled with the Holy Ghost, and with great power gave the apostles witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all and five thousand in one service brought into the kingdom of God! (See Acts, chapters 4 and 5). Oh, what God has done in the past He can and will do again! He will do it in 1942 if the church of the Lord Jesus Christ will go down on our face. I say tonight I would be willing to die that very moment when I see the church of the Lord Jesus Christ once again on her face, confessing her sins, shaking loose from the world, with a passion for souls, searching her heart and praying until the power of God fell once again!

I believe somehow that God is going to do that. Oh, how I am praying and how I am standing on tiptoes expecting it. God can do it and wants to do it, and I say, "Oh, God, do it again."

There is a story of a negro preacher who visited the place where John Wesley stood, in Aldersgate, in London, England, when the Holy Spirit came upon that man and set him on fire and sent him out to turn England to God. This old negro preacher went and stood right on that bronze tablet that marks the spot where Wesley stood, and lifted his black face toward Heaven and raised his hands up toward God while the tears streamed down his face and out of his heart he cried, "Lord God, do it again! Do it again!" That is the prayer of my poor heart tonight, Lord God, do it again! And God will do it again when His people pray. "We ought always to pray," says the Lord, "and not to faint."

toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

What a picture. These fishermen had toiled all night. Now the correct time to catch fish in the Sea of Galilee, according to all natural and scientific laws, was at night time. Yet after toiling all night, weary, tired, no doubt with aching muscles, morning had come. Their backs were about broken. They had no fish for food nor for sale to help in their livelihood. Yet at Christ's command the nets were let down in the daytime contrary to all scientific knowledge. Simon said, "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

Now listen, will you underline those three words, *at thy word*, for the secret key which unlocked the dramatic happenings recorded here in these eleven verses is found in those three little words *at thy word*.

The people pressed and thronged upon Christ to hear the Word of God, and right there before the eager, waiting, heart-hungry multitude Christ gave the living example, an object lesson, demonstrating the power of those words, *at thy word*.

And verse 9, "He was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken." Peter was astonished, so was James and John, and so, friend of mine, millions down through the past centuries have also been astonished, amazed, at the miracle-working power of God's Word. Every time a soul is saved, born again, it is because the Word of God has been preached. The key to the experience of the new birth is "at thy word." The water, the washing of regeneration and the Holy Spirit work "at thy word." Here is the cause of all causes, the beginning of the creation of God. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." He brought it to pass not through a long process of evolution so-called or ages upon ages of time but instantly He spoke and the heaven and the earth were formed and set in motion. And through faith, that is, those of us who are in this day of humiliation, members of the body of Christ, who haven't any better sense — through faith, that is, through the Word of God, we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, though the things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. That is the God that I worship and that is the God that loves sinful men and that is the God Who 'so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Now we have the original creation, and in the second verse of Genesis 1, we read how that the original creation became without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep. This earth, I don't know just why, became void, without form and wrapped in a crepe of darkness. And in God's own time — how many aeons upon aeons were between the original creation and the six days of restoration; I don't know. But anyway, in God's own time He spoke out from the throne above, and God said, "Let there be light." "At thy word" light leaped across to form day and night, and day and night took up their places. And "at thy word" the waters above were divided from that beneath. "At thy word" dry land appeared and the seas retired to their channels and have been held there ever since. "At thy word" the earth was mantled over with green, vegetable life began. "At thy word" the sun, moon and stars appeared for signs, for seasons, for days and years. "At thy word" living creatures filled the seas and air and land. And then the crowning event of all, He, the creator of all things, molded clay in the form of a man, stooped over and breathed into his nostrils, and man became a living identity, created in the image of God, perfect, with great knowledge and wisdom and perfect fellowship and perfect relationship with his Creator until sin entered in at the Garden of Eden.

"At thy word" has been the pass word of all good men from the beginning until the present moment, and will continue to be the pass word of all who take Christ at His word.

Salvation Is by Trusting His Word

Here are two brothers, Abel and Cain. They have heard the way of salvation, the way of approach, from their parents, Adam and Eve. They have heard that they must come through the blood-sprinkled way to worship and to have fellowship with the God of eternity at the altar of worship. And Abel comes up with the blood of a slain lamb without spot and without blemish and he puts the blood upon the altar, and his offering is accepted. But Cain, proud, heady, haughty, high-minded, intellectual Cain came up with the fruits of his own labor. He said, "God, I don't believe in the blood-sprinkled way any more. This is my approach offering, the fruit of my own labor." And God did not have respect to his offering. Why? Because it was not a blood offering, and "without shedding of blood is no remission."

And there is Enoch who walked in the days of violence before the flood, terrible days. We read about it in the sixth of Genesis. And yet at the word of God, taking God at His word, he walked with God for 365 years and God took him, translated him home before the flood came.

"At thy word" Noah heard that there would be a flood some day and he built an ark. He built it upon dry land and the crowd standing around laughed at him and jeered at him and scorned him. Yet God honored Noah's faith, for he said back in so many words, "Nevertheless at Thy word I have built this ark. There hasn't been a drop of rain for 120 years, but God says there is going to be a flood and I believe Him. I have been moved with fear and I am preparing the ark to the saving of my household."

And so one day God says, "Now, Noah, the ark is finished, come into the ark." He didn't say, "Go," because that would imply separation. God was already in the ark. He said, "Come thou into the ark." And the door was closed. God put His arms through the latch of the door so that the door could not be opened. Seven days went by and the rains descended and the floods came and swept over the ark, and Noah and his family rode upon the waters of judgment.

And now listen, God says that He is coming some day to take vengeance upon them that know not God and obey not the gospel. A day of judgment is coming, for as it was in the days of Noah so shall it also be in the day of the Son of Man. And the ark, the open side, the risen side of Christ, the greater Ark, has already been prepared. The crowds are laughing at Him and scoffing, saying, "I'll have nothing to do with the blood-sprinkled way." And they are ridiculing the matter of salvation, and ridiculing the coming as poor, lost sinners by the way of the cross. But one day God will speak to His own and He will say, "Come up hither," and we will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. And seven years will go by. During that time three will be great tribulation on the earth such as the world has never seen, there will be the battle

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of Armageddon, and then Christ will come, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, treading the winepress of the wrath of Almighty God.

Noah built that ark because God spoke, and it was "at thy word." Abraham was down in Ur of Chaldees, an idolater, and God spoke to him one day and he left all not knowing whither he went. He went out and obeyed. It was "at thy word."

And then we see Joshua around the wall of Jericho, how six days they went around that wall once a day and then on the seventh day seven times. And at the blast of a ram's horn—no battering-ram, no seventy-five ton mechanized tanks, no big guns, no devastating, block-busting bombs—but at the blast of a ram's horn, at the word of Joshua, the type of the Captain of our salvation, the walls of Jericho fell down. "At thy word."

Take Christ at His Word; Trust and Be Saved

Listen, thousands have been writing in wanting to find salvation. We receive letters after letters saying, "Brother Fuller, how can I be saved? Oh, I want to be saved." I want to just make the application and put the hook in right now. It is "at thy word," for "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life." (Jno. 5:24). The moment that you hear God's Word and act upon it, like Peter of old, jump out on faith, that moment you will be saved.

Now some of you have toiled all night, you have worked, and you have prayed, and there is no peace and no results. You have nothing and the soul is starved. You have tried a thousand ways to find peace, perhaps, through the saying of prayers or repetition of prayers. Oh, listen to me, the simplicity of it is "at thy word."

Let me give it to you. Every time we tell this blessed story it becomes fresher, and, oh, our hearts just bubble over as we begin to tell men how to be saved "at thy word." 1 John 1:12: "But as many as received him (not the joining of a church, not the putting of your name on a church roll, not the accepting of some creed formed by some group of men, but "as many as received HIM," a person, the Lord Jesus Christ and none other, "to them gave he power (or authority) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." Now that's God's Word.

John 3:36 — I love to quote it. I quoted it this morning on "The Pilgrim's Hour." "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." That's God's Word. "At thy word." "He that believeth" — it doesn't say a word about baptism, doesn't say a word about any working up to a certain point, but just believing. And that word *believe* means to trust, to repose, to lean upon, to take God at His word and to open your heart and receive the Son of God into your heart. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Now that's God's Word. And friend of mine seated there by the radio, if you have never opened your heart and let the Christ of eternity, God's Beloved Son, come into your heart, the wrath of God literally hangs over your head. And if you elect to stand under that wrath, you yourself must in person experience the wrath of Almighty God, the same wrath that was poured out upon the Lord Jesus Christ 1900 years ago. For when He became sin, God caused to strike on Him your sin and my sin. All the waves and billows of God's Wrath against sin were compressed and focused on His Beloved Son and He became sin Who knew no sin that you and I might become God's righteousness in Christ Jesus. If you elect to stand under that wrath you will not be able to stand in that day, but with the mighty men and the kings and the captains will cry, "Hide us from the wrath of Almighty God." And they will cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall upon them. There is only one place of safety and shelter and security, and that is underneath the shed blood of Christ on Calvary's cross.

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each month. But that has been steadily increasing and recently has averaged one decision a day much of the time. Remember these write us of their own accord after reading our gospel literature or the *Sword of the Lord*. I give some examples for the last few days. Those saved whose letters were received since November 11, according to their own signed statements, are as follows:

November 11. A soldier from

faith (Romans 5:1), we have peace with God." And God is saying to the wicked right now (and you will say it back to me, those of you who have not been born again), "There is no peace to the wicked. They are like the troubled sea casting up mire and dirt." But then God says, "While you may be afar off, alienated and cut off from the life that is in Christ Jesus, you can be now made nigh by the blood of Christ." And it is "at thy word." "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

I want you to notice in Luke 5 the personal element, will you? "And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word" — will you notice the next two words — "I will." Now, Peter acted for himself. He rested upon the Word. I can't trust for you. You can't go to Heaven on mother's prayers or mother's Christianity. It's a personal matter between you and the eternal, everlasting God. Notice: "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I" — out from the crowd, out from the jeering mob, out from the unbelieving crowd — "I will let down the net." Peter stepped out of his own volition and will. And in this, whosoever will may come. "At thy word." I can't make it any plainer.

You are to act upon, risk, trust, take God at His word. "At thy word." When I search the pages I find that before I knew Christ I was a sinner, lost, undone, bound for a Christless eternity. "At thy word." When I was reading it through I found this, that Christ is the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world and God is merciful to us as sinners. "At thy word." He said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." I took God at His Word and then the blessed experience was brought into my own soul — I knew that I had passed from death unto life and I became a new creation in Christ Jesus. And then I believe it because He says, "At thy word," I'm accepted in the Beloved and no one else. And I stand before God tonight in Christ Jesus. Being justified by faith I have peace with God.

Let's bow our heads. Oh, Father, we pray that Thou wilt just take those three words, "at thy word," "at thy word," and may they be as a hammer to just hammer hardened hearts by the thousands. And may they realize that all blessings come through the Word. "At thy word I will let down the net." And may thousands say, "At Thy word, Lord, I believe, I now receive, I now confess, I now repent. I want Christ as my personal Saviour." Answer the prayers of fathers and mothers, sons and daughters and may there be a great ingathering of souls through this message, for we ask it in Thy name. Amen.

This is precious time, these final minutes at the close of this hour. You must accept the Saviour or reject Him. And if you reject Him, you will wake up in a Christless eternity. God forbid that you should turn your back upon the Lord Jesus Christ and God's love. God says, "Come now, and let us reason together, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Won't you come now at His word and take Him? God bless you.

(If you will take Christ and be saved today please write John R. Rice, Editor of *The Sword of the Lord*, 145 N. Hale St., Wheaton, Illinois, and say, "I have read Rev. Charles E. Fuller's sermon "At Thy Word," and today I take Christ as my own Saviour, trusting Him to forgive my sins and save my soul" — give name and address and I will write you a helpful personal letter.)

Fort Bragg, N. C., a private. We do not give the name.

November 12, an inmate of Huntsville Penitentiary wrote, "I am serving time in the Texas State Prison System. I received one of the free booklets you publish, it was sent to me from San Antonio, Texas. Even here, behind these bars, I take Jesus as my personal Savior, and I trust, and believe in Him. I am glad to confess my sins to him, for I know He will save whosoever believeth in Him."

November 13, a sailor on U.S. Ship Hopkins, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco.

November 14 came a decision signed by a married woman, Towanda, Pa.

Nov. 17, a decision from man at Mineola, Texas. Saved through "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" booklet, as were most of these.

November 18, three decisions received in mail. One, a man at Norwood, Massachusetts, saved thru "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Another, a woman at Mound City, Mo., said she was saved through reading the editor's sermon in the *Sword* for two weeks ago (Nov. 13) on *Lost Sinners at the Cross of Christ*. She had thought she was saved before, taught an Intermediate S.S. Class, saw she was not saved and trusted Christ, she said, as she read that sermon. Another, a man of Endicott, N.Y., reported that he was saved thru the book *Bible Facts About Heaven*.

November 19. Three decisions, all from booklet *What Must I Do to Be Saved?* One was from a man at Cicero, Illinois. One was from a young man at Allison, Iowa, who told of how trouble had opened his heart, and then, he said, "Jesus said to me, 'Come unto Me, and I will give you rest.' I accepted Him and am much happier." The third was from a young woman in Canton, Ohio, who signed the decision slip and then wrote: "I here this day before the presence of God turn from all known sin and take Jesus as my personal Savior. I do belong to church but have not lived as I should. May the blood of Jesus cleanse my sins in true repentance and forgiveness." Then she asked that booklets on salvation be sent to some friends and signed herself, "Yours now wholehearted in Christ."

This is written Saturday, Nov. 21, at Lincoln, Nebraska, and that is the latest word from my office. But is not that a marvelous evidence that God still blesses His preached word, when the gospel is sent out earnestly and with much prayer, and when the Holy Spirit breathes on messenger and message? And does not that prove that hearts are hungry, and that we can have revivals?

A letter came today from a soldier who was recently saved thru our literature. I think he would not mind your seeing all of his letter. It is from LA GARDE GENERAL HOSPITAL, New Orleans, La., and is as follows:

"Dear Bro. Rice:

"I was sitting around here in the hospital thinking of you. I thought I would drop you a line or two thanking you for your good advice that you wrote me in your letter a few days ago. I wanted to write you and tell you I went home on a ten day furlough a few days ago, and I joined the church and was baptized and I feel lots better over everything. Now I read my Bible and pray every day, and am sorry that I didn't make a change in life several years ago. For I can see what a bad shape I was in now and I wouldn't change back for that old sinning life for anything. I am going to trust in the Lord the rest of my life. I go to church every Sunday and am trying to live as close to the Lord as I know how. I want you to pray for me that I can make a good worker for Him. Like you are, I am willing to do anything for my Lord, and I thank Him with all my heart for saving my soul. Brother Rice, I want one of your books and will send for one when I get my pay. In closing I want to thank you again for your good advice.

"Thank, and God bless you, from your friend,

"Pvt. Willie F. Howell, Ward 47, La Garde Gen. Hospital, New Orleans, La."

Isn't that a precious letter? And

does it not show that there are hungry hearts all about us, and that they will be genuinely saved if we go after them with all our hearts, and, as the Savior commanded us, 'compel them to come in'?

The widespread heart hunger is manifested in the phenomenal sale of Bibles and Testaments. From the Chicago Daily News of Nov. 18 we take a front page article which is of genuine interest.

"All America Jams Stores to Buy Bibles"

By William F. McDermott

"Now there's a 'gold rush' on Bibles—a Christmas demand for the Scriptures without parallel in the memory of veteran publishers and distributors, reminiscent in a way of the early day runs on the yellow metal lodes of the Far West.

"Old persons and youths, boys in uniforms and girls in slacks, chaplains in the Army and Navy, business and professional men and women and workers in overalls, often with grimy hands and faces, are in the multitudes moving on the department stores, mail order houses, Bible depots and religious tract societies to buy Testaments and Gospels as well as the entire volume.

"Publishing facilities are being strained to the limit, and some of the larger concerns are six weeks behind in their orders. Even the largest of them all, the American Bible Society, which takes an annual 10,000,000 copy distribution in its stride, is running several days behind schedule, and the situation seems destined to be 'worse instead of better,' according to Dr. Robert Taylor, Chicago representative. He is also executive secretary of the Chicago Bible Society.

"An Amazing Revival"

"An amazing Bible revival is on, beyond doubt," he said today. "We are selling and giving away 40 per cent more Bibles and Testaments than we did a year ago at this time. The tempo of orders began to rise last spring. The increase has constantly accelerated until it is hard to control.

"Last year in 12 central states we put out about 1,500,000 Bibles and portions, and this year we ought to run upward of 2,500,000. In Chicago alone in 1941 we sold \$35,000 worth in the first 10 months; this year in the same period sales ran \$46,000. All this is in addition to the many thousands of copies given away.

"Demand for Scriptures for the armed forces has been unparalleled. The American Bible Society has given away 800,000 Testaments through chaplains. In addition, it has sold 250,000 to churches to be given to the boys in the service. That means more than 1,000,000 copies to our soldiers, sailors and marines alone.

"The society provides soldiers moisture-proof Testaments bound in brown to match khaki uniforms; the same with wings on the cover for members of the Army Air Corps; blue-bound Testaments for sailors, likewise with wings on covers for Navy Air Corps members; blue, with insignia, for the Marines, and blue, with Merchant Marine insignia, for members of that branch of service.

"Want Expensive Bindings"

"The Society revealed there is a great demand for Testaments in more expensive bindings and in moisture-proof cases for gifts to servicemen. Earlier these had zip-pers, but they are now out.

Testaments now carry supplements of Psalms, hymns and prayers, so that if no chaplain is present men of the ranks or officers may conduct informal devotions. Dr. Taylor told of a soldier at an isolated Alaskan post conducting worship for eight men stationed there.

"Many interesting stories are involved in Testament distribution," said Dr. Taylor. "One youth came in for a Testament, saying that when his father started off to fight in World War I he called his three sons to him and gave each one a Testament. He told them if he didn't come back always to 'live by the Book.' Now the boy going to war wanted a new one for himself. He had worn the other out.

"We hear a lot, too, about boys coming home from camp on furlough and starting their families to reading the Bible and praying. One soldier, home on leave, took out his Bible after breakfast, informed the family he wanted everybody to

gather around for prayers, and conducted devotions himself. He then informed them he and his buddies had prayers every night in their barracks and he believed the folks at home ought to do the same. Needless to say, they established the custom immediately."

"Sales Up in England"

"Bible sales are said to be up 25 per cent over the country, and the same is said to be true in England. Commercial distributors of Bibles report a record-breaking demand.

"Interesting sidelights include the fact that old-fashioned family Bibles, with record pages in the center for births and deaths, are in great demand. Trick stur and fancy covers are out, but Bibles with large print, marginal notes and concordances — Bibles for study and not for show — are ordered in large numbers.

"America is discovering the Bible again," continued Dr. Taylor. "It isn't just a flareup caused by the war but is the result of a real spiritual renaissance which has been coming for some time but has been quickened by the war.

"This Christmas will be memorable for extensive Bible giving, but we anticipate no post-Christmas slackening. It is something that will go on."

What Shall We Do to Reach Hungry Hearts and Bring About the Great Revival Needed?

First of all we should pray. And Jesus told us just how we should pray. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Pray for Spirit-filled, broken-hearted workers, who love souls with a Christly compassion, to get into the soul saving business. Pray God to call, anoint, send out and open doors for evangelists. Pray for God to wake up and empower pastors to get about soul-winning, leaving off formality, feeding the over-stuffed saints, staying about the nice comfortable fold, and get out after the lost sheep for whom Christ died. Pray that Bible teachers will forget their over-emphasis on prophecy, their concern over who is the Antichrist, what is the mark of the Beast, how the war will end, or how we can set dates for the end, and instead get out to win souls so they will be saved and ready when Jesus comes. And Oh! it may be so soon!

If preachers would be willing to quit splitting hairs of minor doctrines, and pulling hair, too, figuratively, over minor differences, and would join in community wide efforts to have great revivals, they can be had with thousands saved.

For myself, I hope to arrange some large community-wide campaigns in great auditoriums, in warehouses or theaters or tents. Pastors who have written me, wanting revivals, will you please see if we cannot have, instead of single church meetings, with small plans, with few lost souls present, great meetings in neutral auditoriums, with several or many churches cooperating, with radio services, with business men, newspapers, schools and all kinds of Christians helping? I cannot take nearly all the invitations I receive. Neither can a number of well-known evangelists I know.

All over America committees of pastors, business men, Gideons, mission workers, radio preachers, etc., ought to be formed to have great revival campaigns. I know a number of great evangelists who would preach in such power, such love, such holy compassion, in such faithfulness to the Word of God, that they would be acceptable and have great revivals, hold big crowds, have multitudes saved, in the largest cooperative set-ups that could be arranged in America, if pastors and workers will make it possible. I am thinking now of Evangelist Hyman Appelman, Dr. Joe Henry Hankins, Evangelist Jesse M. Hendley of Atlanta, to name some.

Meantime, let's pastors and people give themselves to personal soul winning effort everywhere, believing God's sweet promise that the harvest is really white; that "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy; He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with Him" (Ps. 126:6), and "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not," (Gal. 6:9).